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GERRIT ANTONI VAN SCHOUWENBURG : **METHOD FOR PREPARING A COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM SMALLER PIECES OF MEAT, AND THE COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT OBTAINED**
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement which includes a completed Form PTO-1449, a copy of European Patent Application 0201975 and a copy of the corresponding International Search Report.

The references identified in Form PTO-1449, with the exception of European Patent Application 0201975, were cited in an International Search Report dated June 21, 1995 for the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/NL95/00106. Copies of the references cited in the International Search Report are not

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